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The SPECTATOR.

Neſcio quis Teneros oculus mihi faſcinat Agnos. Virg.

Wedneſday, December 19. 1711.

SPECTATOR,

Am very ſorry to find by your Diſcourſe upon the Eye, that you have not thoroughly ſtudied the Nature and Force of that Part of a beauteous Face. Had you ever been you would have ſaid ten thouſand things it ſeems did not occur to you: Do but re-pon the Nonſenſe it makes Men talk, the which it is ſaid to kindle, the Tranſport the Dejection it cauſesin the braveſt Men; you do believe thoſe things are expreſſed travagance, yet you will own that the In- of it is very great which moves Men to travagance. Certain it is, that the whole of the Mind is ſometimes ſeated there, kind Look imparts all, that a Year's Diſ- could give you, in one Moment. What what ſhe ſays to you, ſee how ſhe looks anguage of all who know what Love is. Mind is thus ſummed up and expreſſed nce, did you never obſerve a ſudden Joy the Countenance of a Lover? did you ne- the Attendance of Years paid, overpaid, aint? You a SPECTATOR, and not know telligence of Affection is carried on by only; that Good-breeding has made the lify the Heart, and act a Part of con- ſtraint, while Nature has preſerved the her ſelf, that ſhe may not be diſguiſed or ſented. The poor Bride can give her and ſay *I do* with a languiſhing Air to the is obliged by cruel Parents to take for Reaſons, but at the ſame Time ſhe look as if ſhe loved; her Eye is full of and Reluctance ſits in a Tear, while the the Sacrifice is performed in what we Marriage-Ceremony? Do you never go cannot you diſtinguiſh between the Eyes who go to ſee, from thoſe who come to I am a Woman turned of Thirty, and Obſervation a little; therefore if you Correſpondent had conſulted me in your on the Eye, I could have told you that of *Leonora* is ſlyly watchful while it looks ſhe looks round her without the Help Glaſſes you ſpeak of, and yet ſeems to be on Objects directly before her. This affects Chance-medley, and on a ſud- it attended to another thing, turns all againſt an Ogler. The Eye of *Luſita-* inſtrument of premeditated Murder, Deſign being viſible, deſtroys the Executi- and with much more Beauty than that of it is not half ſo miſchievous. There is Soldier's Daughter in Town, that by her been the Death of more than ever her made fly before him. A beautiful Eye eloquent, a kind Eye makes Con-

'tradiction an Aſſent, an enraged Eye makes Beauty 'deformed. This little Member gives Life to eve-'ry other Part about us, and I believe the Story of '*Argus* implies no more than that the Eye is in e-'very Part, that is to ſay, every other Part would 'be mutilated, were not its Force repreſented more 'by the Eye than even by it ſelf. But this is Hea-'then *Greek* to thoſe who have not converſed by 'Glances. This, Sir, is a Language in which there 'can be no Deceit, nor can a skillful Obſerver be 'impoſed upon by Looks even among Politicians 'and Courtiers. If you do me the Honour to 'print this among your Speculations, I ſhall in my 'next, make you a Preſent of ſecret Hiſtory, by 'tranſlating all the Looks of the next Aſſembly of 'Ladies and Gentlemen into Words, to adorn ſome 'future Paper.

I am,
SIR,
Your faithful Friend,
Mary Heartfree.

Dear Mr. SPECTATOR,

'I Have a Sot of a Husband that lives a very 'ſcandalous Life, and waſtes away his Body 'and Fortune in Debauches; and is immoveable 'to all the Arguments I can urge to him. I would 'gladly know whether in ſome Caſes a Cudgel 'may not be allowed as a good Figure of Speech, 'and whether it may not be lawfully uſed by a 'female Orator.

Your humble Servant,
Barbara Crabtree.

Mr. SPECTATOR,

'THough I am a Practitioner in the Law of ſome 'ſtanding, and have heard many eminent 'Pleaders in my Time, as well as other eloquent 'Speakers of both Univerſities, yet I agree with 'you that Women are better qualified to ſucceed in 'Oratory than the Men, and believe this is to be 'reſolved into natural Cauſes. You have mention-'ed only the Volubility of their Tongue; but what 'do you think of the ſilent Flattery of their pretty 'Faces, and the Perſwaſion which even an inſipid 'Diſcourſe carries with it when flowing from beau-'tiful Lips, to which it would be cruel to deny 'any thing? It is certain too that they are poſ-'ſeſſed of ſome Springs of Rhetorick which Men 'want, ſuch as Tears, fainting Fits, and the like, 'which I have ſeen employed upon Occaſion 'with good Succeſs. You muſt know I am a plain 'Man and love my Money; yet I have a Spouſe 'who is ſo great an Orator in this Way, that ſhe 'draws from me what Sums ſhe pleaſes. Every 'Room in my Houſe is furniſhed with Trophies of 'her Eloquence, rich Cabinets, Piles of China, 'Japan Screens, and coſtly Jarrs; and if you were

to come into my great Parlour you would fancy your self in an *India* Warehouse: Besides this, she keeps a Squirrel, and I am doubly taxed to pay for the China he breaks. She is seized with periodical Fitts about the Time of the Subscriptions to a new Opera, and is drowned in Tears after having seen any Woman there in finer Cloaths than her self: These are Arts of Perswasion purely Feminine, and which a tender Heart cannot resist. What I would therefore desire of you, is, to prevail with your Friend who has promised to dissect a Female Tongue, that he would at the same time give us the Anatomy of a female Eye, and explain the Springs and Sluices which feed it with such ready Supplies of Moisture; and likewise shew by what Means, if possible, they may be stopped at a reasonable Expence: Or indeed, since there is something so moving in the very Image of weeping Beauty, it would be worthy his Art to provide, that these eloquent Drops may no more be lavished on Trifles, or employed as Servants to their wayward Wills; but reserved for serious Occasions in Life, to adorn generous Pity, true Patience, or real Sorrow.

I am, &c.

ERRATA.

In Friday's Spectator *the last Line of the 2d Col. for* W. P. *read* W. S. *In Yesterday's* Spectator, *Col.* 1. *Line* 8. *for* Marage *read* Ramage.

At the particular Desire of several Ladies of Quality.

By Her Majesty's Company of Comedians.

AT the Theatre Royal in Drury-Lane, to Morrow, being Thursday, the 20th Day of December, will be presented the last reviv'd Play call'd Mithridates King of Pontus. The Part of Semandra by Mrs. Oldfield, Mithridates by Mr. Mills, Ziphares by Mr. Wilks, Pharnaces by Mr. Powell, Archilaus by Mr. Boman, Aquilius by Mr. Booth, Monima by Miss Sherborn.

By Subscription.

AT the Queen's Theatre in the Hay-Market, this present Wednesday, being the 19th of December, will be presented a new Opera call'd, Antiochus. The Tickets and Books will be delivered out this Day at Mrs. White's Chocolate House The first Gallery 5 s. 01 per Gallery 2 s. Boxes upon the Stage 15 s. To begin exactly at 8.

Playing Cards of all Sorts,

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At a House between Warwick-Court and Brownlow-street, is to be disposed of this Day a Parcel of Houshold-goods; viz. a Scrutore, Chests of Drawers, Looking glasses, and other Furniture; being the Goods of Joseph Flower deceased.

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The House (late Mr. Clinch's) in Epsom, is now a Boarding School, being very large and convenient for the Purpose, situate in an healthful Air near the Downs; where Latin, French, Writing, &c. are taught by J. Crew, A. M.

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Excellent Red and White Port, and Red and White Lisbon, being neat Wines as they came from the Grape, of the best Growth in Portugal. To be sold by the Importer in a Vault in Brabant-Court in Philpot-Lane, viz. Red and White Port at 5 s. per Gallon, or 14 l. per Hhd Red and White Lisbon at 3 s. 6 d. per Gallon, or 16 l. per Hhd. Attendance will be given every Day till 6 at Night:

Every Wednesday, at half an Hour after the Evening; at the Blue-Coat Coffee-house in Swithins the Royal-Exchange, the French Tongue is taught Gratis by a French Gentleman, who teaches the said Language Latin and English to Gentlemen, Ladies and others, at their Lodgings or elsewhere. Enquire at the aboveside Coffee-house Arnold's Writing Master in Barbican, or at Dugdale's in St. Martin's Lane in the Fields. Note, The Gentleman spoke with at 6 a Clock every Night at the Place where the

BRANDY BY RETAIL.

At a Vault in Wiggen's-Key Gateway opposite to the Red-Lyon in Thames-street, in a Parcel of extraordinary near, as they are imported by the last Fleet from Portugal inferiour to French, at 11 s. a Gallon: No less Quantity than Attendance is daily given from 9 to 12, and from Clock till all is sold. N. B. At both Ends of the Gateway Board directing to the Brandy Vault.

At the Wine Cellar under the Sign of the in Prince's street, the upper End of Hedge-lane near is to be sold Messieurs Brook and Hellier's true and natural as 'tis advertised in their Advertisements in this Paper and in the Courant of Saturday last: And at the same Place wise to be sold extraordinary good French Obrien Claret and French White Wine at 2 s. a Bottle; and as good Frontiniac deaux Brandy as can be had in London at 13 s. a Gallon: The and finest dry Mountain Malaga and White Lisbon Wine Gallon or 2 s. a Quart, White Madera at 6 s. a Gallon or Quart. Note, By Reason several Gentlemen have been ceived in buying cheap Wines that have not proved well been in Bottles, he promises to those that shall buy of his Wine, that if they are not as good or better half a Year have it, he will either change it or return their Money

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